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SUBJECT: LEBANON: SECURITY ASSISTANCE COORDINATION WITH UAE

REF: A) ABU DHABI 3632 (PM A/S Hillen with MbZ)

B) STATE 148157 (maintaining momentum on Leb)
C) STATE 147838 (country-specific requests)
D) Jost-Sison e-mail of September 12

Classified by Ambassador Michele Sison, reasons 1.4 (b) and (d).

11. (C) Following up on a request by Abu Dhabi Crown Prince Mohammed bin Zayed Al Nahyan (MbZ) to A/S Hillen to coordinate security assistance for Lebanon, Post shared the following with MbZ's International Affairs Advisor Youssef Al-Otaiba on September 17: 1) list of items noted in ref C paragraph specific to the UAE, 2) the urgent need for 5.56MM ammunition for M16A1 rifles relayed ref D, and 3) unclassified versions of CENTCOM assessments of LAF and ISF

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requirements. Ambassador and DATT stressed to Al-Otaiba the importance of these items to help Lebanese forces implement UNSCR 1701. Al-Otaiba -- who is a core member of the UAE's Gulf Security Dialogue team and coordinates a number of security issues on behalf of MbZ -- offered no initial comment but said he would arrange a meeting between the Embassy and MbZ's point person for coordinating security issues in Lebanon when that person returned to Abu Dhabi.

12. (C) Al-Otaiba revealed to the Ambassador September 17 that a deputy level officer at the Directorate of Military Intelligence (DMI), Mohammed Khalfan, is the team leader in Lebanon and is not expected back in Abu Dhabi until mid-October. DATT recommended to Al-Otaiba that prior to his return Khalfan seek clarity on GOL requirements from the coordination cell in the Prime Minister's office in Beirut.
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